

September 10, 2019

Mr. Mike Stoker Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Stoker:

In response to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) initiative to speed action on revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP), staff from U.S. EPA has notified staff at the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (District) that the submittals listed below are no longer appropriate for inclusion in the SIP.

- Contingency measures submitted as part of the Ventura County 1994 Air Quality Management Plan for the federal 1-hour ozone standard: this plan was adopted by the District on November 8, 1994 and submitted by CARB to U.S. EPA on November 15, 1994. On January 8, 1997, U.S. EPA approved the District's plan except for the contingency measures. On May 27, 2009, U.S. EPA determined that Ventura County met the 1-hour ozone standard by the attainment date and found that contingency measure requirements for the 1-hour standard do not apply.
- The 2007 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan (2007 Ozone Plan) for the federal 1997 80 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone standard (80 ppb standard) was adopted by the District on May 13, 2008, adopted by CARB on June 26, 2008, submitted by CARB to U.S. EPA on June 27, 2008, and found complete by U.S. EPA on October 2, 2008. U.S. EPA's revocation of the 80 ppb standard eliminated the requirement for California to submit a Ventura County emissions inventory and emissions statement rule. On December 3, 2012, U.S. EPA's clean data determination for Ventura County suspended the remaining anti-backsliding requirements for the 80 ppb standard for so long as the District continues to meet the 80 ppb standard. According to U.S. EPA, under 40 Code of Federal Regulations 51.918, the 2007 Ozone Plan is not a required submittal and withdrawal would have no adverse consequences.

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U.S. EPA has not taken action on these submittals. On June 20, 2019, U.S. EPA requested that these submittals be withdrawn from consideration for inclusion in the California SIP. As the agency designated under State law to make revisions to the California SIP, CARB now formally withdraws the aforementioned submittals from inclusion in the SIP.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Dr. Michael Benjamin, Chief of the Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,

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